



Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative

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Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2008 10:00 a.m.

Grants Pass Fire/Rescue

Hillcrest Fire Station

199 NW Hillcrest Dr., Grants Pass

Call to order: 10:04 a.m.

Attendees: Brian Ballou (ODF), Dana Sallee (Ashland F&R), Mark Northrop (Rogue River FD), Mike Hanna (Rural Metro), Brian Bolstad (JCFD #5), Robert Shoemaker (USFS), Chris Chambers (Ashland F&R), Patty Commons (Phoenix FD), Carey Chaput (Applegate FD), Neil Benson (JJLCG/JaCIFP), Cheryl Stanley (BLM), Curtis Pilcher (Grants Pass DPS), Rob Underwood (Applegate FD)

Minutes of February meeting: Approved as written

Treasurer's report: Account balance at end of February: \$6,319.52. Most of the annual dues have been paid by members. Ballou will coordinate with Patty about billing ODF for fire prevention and education team portion of laptop purchase. Mark, Dana, Patty and Carey will meet 30 minutes before start of April meeting so they can conduct the audit of RVFPC's 2007 financial records.

Old business

JaCIFP & JoCIFP outreach and education committees: Funding is available from several sources for spring fire prevention campaigns. Booths will be staffed at upcoming Master Gardener shows, the Josephine County Agriculture Fair, and the Josephine County home and garden show. Also in Josephine County, there will be another woody debris disposal day on May 17. A reprint of the publication "Living with Wildfire" will be completed for the real estate agent/title insurance/home buyer audiences. The effort toward putting together a home assessment training program is continuing; this subcommittee meets again in late April.

Fire safety trailer events committee: The co-op discussed and decided not to take the fire safety trailer to the Rogue Valley Mall's Wellsprings event this year. Quite a few similar events are taking place during May. Dana will check on whether he can bring a truck to tow the fire safety trailer through the April 12 Pear Blossom Festival Parade. Mike Hanna will be Smokey for the parade. Helpers will meet in the parking lot of the Rogue Valley Mall before the parade. Mark Northrop will haul and provide staff support for the fire safety trailer at the Wal-Mart SafeKids event and the Southern Oregon Public Safety Expo. The co-op discussed and decided to add the air show at the Jackson County Regional Airport to its fire safety trailer calendar, June 7&8. The co-op will receive \$100 for bringing and staffing the trailer. Food will be provided for helpers. The trailer needs to be set up on June 6. Co-op members underscored the need for commitments from co-op member agencies for staffing at all fire safety trailer events.

Rob Underwood briefed the co-op on the details of the May 10 Southern Oregon Public Safety Expo in May. The co-op pledged \$1,000 of support, if needed, for advertising of the expo, or other costs. The co-op also discussed and approved partnership in the event. Many of the southern Oregon police and fire agencies are planning to have equipment, staff and booths at the expo. Ballou will coordinate with OSU Extension on a wildland/urban interface display. A link to the expo's website will be put on rvfpc.com.

Fire safety trailer management committee: Dana will supply trailer with a heavy duty extension cord and four chairs. Dana will also talk to Cascade Fire about building a generator box for the trailer tongue; in return, the co-

op will put Cascade Fire's name on the side of the trailer. Ballou and Mark will continue to coordinate a date to get the trailer delivered to ODF's Medford compound for the interior TV/DVD/VCR installation.

Team teaching committee: The scheduling for this year's team teaching blitz is finished for both counties, and will be posted on rvfpc.com. Teachers will use existing slide show and equipment. Posters and badges will be handed out to classrooms and kids.

RVFPC website: Quite a lot of new content has been added. Ballou asked members to review content and send suggestions and other comments to him by email, ballou@odf.state.or.us.

New business: None

Adjournment: Noon

Next meeting: April 9, 10:00 a.m., Medford Interagency Communication Center (MICC), 3040 Biddle Rd, Medford

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